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- ☒ Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004, the period of reply to which extends to April 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants do not believe that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. If additional extensions of time are necessary, however, to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 7 of this paper.